

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, PINT, BM, TH

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED RUSSIANS

REF: A. RANGOON 2413

B. RANGOON 2325

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1. THE DCM DISCUSSED NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE KIDNAPPED RUSSIANS WITH SOVIET CHARGE STANISLAV SEMINVOLOS AT A SOVIET EMBASSY DINNER OCTOBER 5. THE DCM SAID THAT WE HAD HAD FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE CHINESE INTER-MEDIARY WHO HAD TOLD US SEPTEMBER 30 THAT THE LOI MAW WERE WILLING TO RELEASE THE TWO RUSSIANS. WE DID NOT YET KNOW THE DETAILS OF JUST HOW THE RELEASE WOULD TAKE PLACE, BUT ONLY THAT IT WOULD TAKE TWO OR THREE WEEKS TO MOVE THE RUSSIANS FROM THEIR PRESENT LOCATION TO THE THAI/BURMA BORDER. WE WERE BY NO MEANS CERTAIN THAT THIS WAS A BONAFIDE OFFER. IT WAS STILL QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE LOI MAW WOULD ATTACH UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS TO THE RELEASE. WE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE THE RUSSIANS'S RELEASE WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT, IF THE TURNOVER TOOK PLACE IN THAILAND, THAI AUTHORITIES RATHER THAN THE USG SHOULD RECEIVE THEM.

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2. SEMIVOLOS NOTED THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER EACH MONTH OR SO FROM SOMEONE NAMED CHU (THIS COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN FROM CHU UNG-CHAI) OFFERING TO RELEASE THE RUSSIANS IN EXCHANGE FOR GUB RELEASE OF CHUNG

CHI-FU. THE MOST RECENT LETTER WAS DATED EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE SOVIET EMBASSY RECEIVED IT SEPTEMBER 24. SEMIVOLOS DID NOT MENTION EFFORTS BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO SECURE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES.

3. COMMENT: IF TIN OO IS CORRECT ABOUT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN BANGKOK CONTACTING SHAN REPRESENTATIVES IN NORTH THAILAND (REFTEL A), SEMIVOLOS IS PLAYING COY. HE HAS MADE NO SUCH REVELATIONS TO US.  
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